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SUBJECT: EPMG CALLS MEETING TO ELECT NEW CELU LEADERSHIP

REF: ADDIS 6067 AND PREVIOUS

1. EPMG ANNOUNCED ON RADIO AND TV MAY 26 AND IN PRESS MAY 27 THAT ALL LOCAL UNIONS INVITED SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING MAY 31 AT GRAND PALACE TO ELECT PROVISIONAL LEADERS OF CELU. MEETING ALSO EXPECTED "DRAW UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENTUAL ELECTION OF NEW LABOR LEADERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM." SPOKESMAN REMINDED UNIONS TO CHOOSE PERSONS OF INTEGRITY AND PROGRESSIVE OUTLOOK AS WELL AS ABILITY TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF WORKERS AT HOME AND AT INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. COMMENT: ALEM AND TESFA ARE SAID TO BE UNDER SURVEILLANCE BUT NOT DETAINED, NOR ARE THEIR MOVEMENTS RESTRICTED. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, STAYING AT HOME.

3. DESPITE RUMBLINGS OF PROTEST AGAINST CLOSURE OF CELU BUILDING,
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LOCAL UNIONS ARE SELECTING REPS AS REQUESTED. GOVERNMENT SPOKES-

MEN, WHO ARE MEETING WITH LOCAL GROUPS TO ENCOURAGE ACTION ON EPMG LINES, ARE FREQUENTLY BEING GIVEN CHILLY RECEPTIONS OR BEING GREETED BY SILENCE.

4. RUSH TO GET ACTION BY MAY 31, COUPLED WITH EPMG REQUEST FOR CHOICE OF PERSONS WITH ABILITY TO REPRESENT WORKERS AT INTERNATIONAL FORA, SUGGESTS EPMG WANTS MAY 31 MEETING TO PRODUCE WORKER DELEGATES FOR ILO JUNE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS NEW PROVISIONAL LEADERS FOR CELU.

5. NO SIGN (AS YET) THAT EPMG IS TRYING TO MANEUVER TO PUSH FORWARD CANDIDATES OF ITS OWN CHOOSING OR OTHERWISE TO PREDETERMINE OUTCOME.

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